



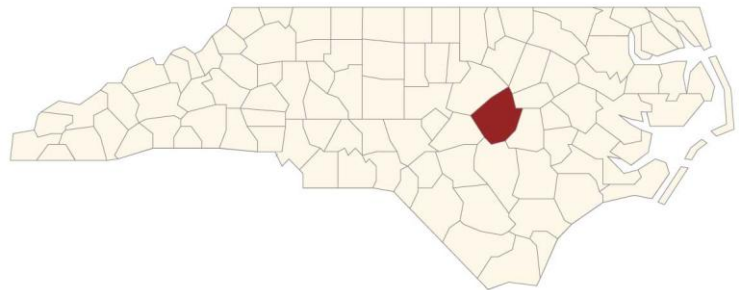
On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama. ARRA provides increased support to several existing federal programs administered by states, creates new programs such as the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, and offers opportunities for states to apply for competitive grant programs.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's significant investment in North Carolina totaled almost \$19.5 billion, including assistance for those needing help the most through increases in unemployment benefits, Medicaid payments, and food stamps. In addition to those expanded services, ARRA gives hundreds of thousands of working North Carolinians a break through tax credits like the *Making Work Pay* tax credit and the *First Time Homebuyer's* tax credit.

The Recovery Act is not like earlier attempts to revive the nation's economy. It is not only a one-time infusion of federal funds; instead it is a long-term effort to restore economic expansion in the short-term, as well as prepare the nation's economy for stable, healthy long-term growth. Under the terms of the Recovery Act, support for North Carolina's economy will include both investments made directly by the federal government and investments of federal funds that are made under the oversight of the North Carolina state government.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Report, Johnston County

Johnston County received more than \$254.1 million in ARRA funding in grants, loans, and bonds. The following report outlines the various funding categories that contributed to the Johnston County total.



Pell Grants Awards:
1,809



Small Business Jobs:
175

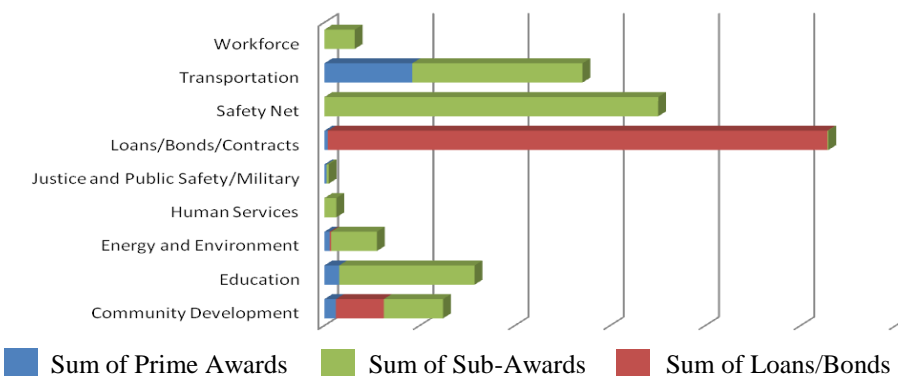


Appliances rebated:
575



Family homes financed:
427

Johnston County Totals



Johnston County,
pop 163,428 at a glance:

Recovery Act Totals:

Grants: \$138,856,273

Loans: \$75,319,118

Bonds: \$40,008,562

Total: \$254,183,953



Education

The Recovery Act placed a special emphasis on maintaining education funding. Governor Beverly Perdue furthered this commitment by pledging additional recovery funds from the Recovery Act to education, and leading North Carolina to additional funds by winning \$400 million in the Race to the Top program.

Most of the ARRA education funds are distributed to local schools through existing funding formulas. Special Education Funds and Title I funds go to schools based on eligible student enrollment. State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) and the EduJobs grants were designed to hold schools harmless during the recession, and were distributed to public and charter schools. The school systems have spent the majority of the funds on staff and support. Some projects, such as Race to the Top, will be spent for purchasing products and services rather than salaries for staff.

Authorization for low/no interest bonds for school construction/renovation followed the Department of Public Instruction procedures with initial allotments to the school systems. If a school system could not utilize their allotment, it was released to other school systems that could utilize additional allotments.

Johnston County schools received \$33.5 million in education funding, including \$6.6 million in Special Education funds, \$3.9 million in Title I funds, \$18.2 million in SFSF funds, and \$2.5 million in Race to the Top funding.

Pell Grants are an educational Assistance Program that provides grants to eligible students to receive post-secondary or vocational training. Because Pell Grants are not student loans, they allow students to receive financial assistance to further education and training without incurring additional debt. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act increased the eligibility and the maximum amount of Pell Grants in 2009 and 2010 as a way to encourage educational opportunities, and to provide a way for eligible applicants to gain new job skills.

In Johnston County, Johnston Community College had 1,809 students funded by Pell Grants; these grants were worth more than \$33.6 million.



Family Assistance

The Federal Department of Agriculture increased funding to their Single-Family home program with the ARRA. These resources assisted families in achieving the American Dream of home ownership through direct financial assistance (grants) or credit (loan guarantees). This program pumped more than \$729 million into North Carolina, providing assistance to more than 5,400 families.

In Johnston County, 427 families received assistance through this program totaling more than \$60.4 million.

The Department of Energy created the Energy Star Appliance rebate program to help stimulate the economy by incentivizing the purchase of new, more energy efficient appliances, and helping consumers by providing long-term savings from their utility bills. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce managed the program insuring North Carolina residents and retailers received the maximum benefit from this opportunity. North

Carolina retailers sold more than 25,500 new energy efficiency appliances through this program, and North Carolina residents will enjoy energy savings for years to come. The program was so successful, that the State Energy Office reprogrammed additional funding to provide discounts to everyone participating in the program, bringing the total program value from \$8 up to \$10 Million.

Johnston County retailers sold 575 appliances through the Energy Star Appliance rebate program.



Small Business Assistance

The ARRA provided tax breaks, increased depreciation of business assets, and incentives for hiring for small businesses through the tax law changes found in Part B of the Act. The Recovery Act also established direct aid programs through the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA). These programs provided grants, loans and loan guarantees to grant small businesses access to much-needed operational credit during 2009 and 2010.

In Johnston County, 17 small businesses received SBA loan guarantees worth \$4 million. According to the small businesses receiving these loans, the Recovery Act saved or created 175 jobs.



Farm Assistance

The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program is administered by the Farm Services Administration in the federal Department of Agriculture, which provides assistance to farmers suffering crop losses due to natural disasters. To qualify for the program a farm must have lost at least 10% of one crop during a natural disaster in a declared disaster county, or lost 50% of a crop during a disaster in a non-disaster county. North Carolina farmers received more than \$9 million in total payments under the ARRA-Funded SURE Program.

In Johnston County, \$376,257 was received in assistance to farmers because of crop loss to natural disasters.



CARS Program

The Car Allowance Rebate Program (CARS), more widely known as the 'Cash-for-Clunkers' program, provided an incentive for drivers of older, energy inefficient vehicles to upgrade to new cars. This program also provided a large economic impact in North Carolina, and North Carolina dealers received more than 18,000 trade-in vehicles through this program. North Carolina Car Dealers sold more than \$400,000,000 worth of new cars (recommended MSRP) through the CARS program. North Carolina drivers will save 172,130 miles per gallon through cars purchased through this program.

In Johnston County, car dealers sold 155 cars worth \$3.6 million through the ARRA CARS program.



Justice and Public Safety Programs

ARRA increased funding to the federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grants Program (JAG). JAG funds were awarded both as a formula allocation to the State, for \$34.5 million, and grants distributed by the Governor's Crime Commission to various local governments and entities. In addition, \$21,853,798 went to 216 local governments across the state for various purposes in line with the requirements of the act. Finally, there is a federal competitive portion that was open to state or local government applicants.

In Johnston County, more than \$206,000 was received in JAG funds.

The COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) awards grants to law enforcement agencies to hire and train community policing professionals, acquire and deploy cutting-edge crime-fighting technologies, and develop and test innovative policing strategies. COPS funding also provides training and technical assistance to community members and local government leaders and all levels of law. In order to help leverage the efficiency of these programs Governor Perdue set aside additional funding to help pay for uniforms and equipment for local governments who have new COPS funded positions.

In Johnston County, the Town of Benson and the Town of Kenly had 2 officers were fund through COPS Grants. These grants were worth \$250,000. In addition, the Town of Benson received a grant of \$4,000 from the Governor's Crime Commission to help outfit and equip the new officer.



Environment and Natural Resources Programs

ARRA funded several programs to protect the environment, or to develop natural resources more efficiently. These programs ranged from environmental clean-up, such as leaking underground storage tank abatement and Brownfields programs, to EPA clean air grants, wildfire prevention grants, and revolving funds to build, expand, or overhaul existing water and sewer programs. These programs provided nearly \$150 million across North Carolina.

In Johnston County, the Johnston County Government and the Town of Selma received water and sewer grants worth more than \$3 million. The Town of Princeton received a grant from the US Department of Agriculture's Rural Utility Service for almost \$500,000 in water and sewer improvements. In addition the National Park Service contracted for more than \$170,000 in new equipment.



Military Programs

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act included approximately \$7.4 billion in defense-related appropriations. This includes funding for all service areas and the Army Corps of Engineers. Recovery Act funding addressed some of the unique economic pressures faced by American service members because of their voluntary commitment to serve our

nation. The Recovery Act included assistance to service members, upgrades aimed to improve the quality of life for troops and their families, funded three new facilities, and two new VA hospitals in North Carolina, addressing critical needs across the state. In addition to providing much needed facility improvements, this bill also provides more funding for our energy research programs, so that Department of Defense (DOD) can continue to lead the way in the national effort to achieve greater energy independence. North Carolina had 103 military projects funded for a total of \$166 million.

In Johnston County, the Department of Veterans Affairs purchased \$150,000 for new equipment.



Green Energy Programs

One of the goals of ARRA was to provide grants to help conserve energy and assist in the development of a green economy. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce received large grants for energy conservation under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. These grants include the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), funded at just under \$20 million, and the State Energy Plan (SEP), funded at \$70 million. The State Energy Office then used these grants to make awards to businesses, non-profits, and local governments for various purposes.

In Johnston County, Johnston County Community College has received \$191,156 for efficiency lighting improvements, climate control improvements in four buildings.



Safety Net Programs

Safety net programs are the category of ARRA funding that consists of programs designed to help populations made particularly vulnerable by the economic crisis. These generally include increases in existing programs, most notably the increase in both benefit level and duration of unemployment payments. Increases in the amount and duration of unemployment payments makes up the largest chunk of safety net programs funded through the Recovery Act, totaling more than \$3.5 billion statewide over more than two years. Safety net programs such as unemployment insurance and SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps), not only benefit the recipient, but have a proven economic impact on a community.

Johnston County residents received more than \$54.7 million in Unemployment Insurance increases during the 2 ½ year ARRA benefits increase. County residents also received \$9.3 million in SNAP benefit increases, and \$6 million in one-time payments of \$250 to social security recipients.

Johnston County received more than \$313,000 for Head Start Programs.

Johnston County Feature Story

Johnston County Receives Long-needed Infrastructure Thanks to Recovery Funds

One of the primary goals of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is to invest in critical infrastructure in order to generate immediate jobs and economic impact, and set the stage for long-term economic growth. Transportation is a great enabler of economic growth, acting as the lifeblood of commerce. It moves people to jobs and goods to the marketplace. Without strong transportation arteries, economies stagnate. The US Department of Transportation directed their Recovery allocation to deliver jobs and restore our nation's economy, emphasize sustainable investment, focus our policies on the people, businesses and communities, and in jobs to expand transit capacity and modernize transit systems. The Recovery-funded projects were diverse as traditional highway and bridge projects, urban and rural transit upgrades, investment in a nationwide system of high speed rail, improvements to the Nations airports to expand service, and make safety improvements.



The N.C. Department of Transportation received \$838 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding, \$735 million for highway and bridge improvements and \$103 million for transit needs. Early in the process NCDOT identified more than \$900 million in potential projects to be paid for with Recovery funds. These projects included major bridge rebuilds to repaving and much-needed upgrades.

One of the highway projects funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was the M. Durwood Stephenson Highway in Johnston County. This project to extend Booker Dairy Road from Buffalo Road to US 70, and to provide a new bridge over the Neuse River in Smithfield, had been planned since 1993. The \$14.3 million, 2.3 mile extension and bridge project began on April 29, 2009 and open to new traffic in October 2011.



The new road extension provides an additional east-west route in the Smithfield area, easing congestion in the downtown area, and access to commercial, industrial and residential areas throughout Smithfield. The new route is projected to see 12,000 vehicles a day.

The new half-mile long bridge included more than 6,320 cubic yards of concrete and 600 tons of rebar. The new bridge spans both the Neuse River and Poplar Creek, and provides a second crossing for the Neuse River in the Smithfield area. The bridge also provides faster access for emergency response during flooding, an issue for the existing US 70 Business Bridge. The new road will serve as a detour for the upcoming Neuse River Bridge replacement project on US 70.

Appendix, Johnston County breakout

Federal Agency	Program Title	Recipient name	Recipient role ⁱ	Prime Amount ⁱⁱ	Unique Sub Awards ⁱⁱⁱ	Loans	Additional Economic Activity (not counted toward totals) ^{iv}
	Bonds		P			\$38,990,000.00	
		Selma	P			\$1,018,562.00	
	Cash for Clunkers		S		\$642,000.00		
	Federal Pell Grant Program	Johnston Community College	P				
	Very Low to Moderate Income Housing Loans - Guaranteed	Individuals	L			\$60,545,423.71	
Administration for Children and Families	ARRA - Child Care and Development Block Grant	Johnston, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$2,513,765.95	\$0.00	
	ARRA - Early Head Start	Johnston Lee Harnett Community Action Inc	P	\$2,800,200.00		\$0.00	\$2,800,200.00
		Palmetto Bus Sales, LLC	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$91,400.00
	ARRA - Head Start	Johnston Lee Harnett Community Action Inc	P	\$313,798.00	\$313,798.00	\$0.00	
Department of Agriculture	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Multiple Individuals	S		\$9,370,482.39		
Department of Energy	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG)	Greater Diversity News	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$235.76
		Hazen And Sawyer, P.C.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$92,813.26
		Hinson's Typing And Printing	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$276.00
		Johnston Community College	S	\$0.00	\$191,156.00	\$0.00	
		Johnston, County Of	P	\$636,200.00		\$0.00	\$636,200.00
		News And Observer	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$2,689.60
	Weatherization Assistance for Low-Income Persons	Johnston Lee Harnett Community Action Inc	S	\$0.00	\$3,993,192.00	\$0.00	
Department of Health and	Aging Congregate	Johnston County Council	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

Human Services	Nutrition Services for States	On Aging				
	Aging Home-Delivered Nutrition Services for States	Johnston County Council On Aging	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Department of Housing and Urban Development	Public Housing Capital Fund Competitive (Recovery Act Funded)	Smithfield Housing Authority Inc	P	\$598,574.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Public Housing Capital Fund Formula (Recovery Act Funded)	Benson Housing Authority	P	\$429,951.00	\$0.00	\$429,951.00
		Bradfield, Richard, Rhodes & Associates	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00
		Carl Garris & Son, Inc.	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$360,531.00
		George Raper & Son, Inc.	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225,760.00
		Harris Construction Company	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,525.00
		Seb Construction Company, Inc.	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$62,567.96
		Selma Housing Authority	P	\$339,719.00	\$0.00	\$339,719.00
		Smithfield Housing Authority Inc	P	\$398,531.00	\$0.00	\$398,531.00
		Stogner Architecture, Pa	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$38,000.00
	Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program Special Allocations (Recovery Act Funded)	Heritage Court Apartments, A Limited Partnership	P	\$151,086.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Department of Justice	Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants	Benson, Town Of	P	\$146,352.00	\$0.00	\$146,352.00
		Kenly, Town Of	P	\$116,579.00	\$0.00	\$116,579.00
	Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program / Grants To Units Of Local Government	Johnston, County Of	P	\$84,791.00	\$0.00	\$84,791.00

		Selma, Town Of	P	\$35,345.00		\$0.00	\$35,345.00
		Smithfield, Town Of	P	\$66,179.00		\$0.00	\$66,179.00
	Recovery Act - Eward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program/ Grants to States and Territories	Benson, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$3,850.00	\$0.00	
		Smithfield, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$16,083.00	\$0.00	
Department of Labor	Unemployment Insurance	Multiple Individuals	S		\$54,709,163.58		
Department of Veterans Affairs	No CFDA for Contract type awards	Caterpillar Inc.	P	\$77,038.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
				\$80,633.00		\$0.00	\$80,633.00
Environmental Protection Agency	Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State Revolving Funds	Selma, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$180,000.00	\$0.00	
	Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds	Johnston, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$0.00	
Federal Highway Administration	Highway Planning and Construction	Barnhill Contracting Company	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$59,377.35
		C C Mangum Company LLC	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$2,216,897.89
				\$0.00		\$0.00	\$610,195.96
		Lineberry, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$263,567.05
		North Carolina Department Of Transportation	P	\$70,135.00		\$0.00	\$70,135.00
				\$2,647,221.00		\$0.00	\$2,647,221.00
				\$2,217,715.00		\$0.00	\$2,217,715.00
				\$11,673,744.00		\$0.00	\$11,673,744.00
				\$318,423.00		\$0.00	\$318,423.00
				\$1,519,294.00		\$0.00	\$1,519,294.00
		S.T. Wooten Corporation	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$2,482,131.85
				\$0.00		\$0.00	\$11,668,723.05
		SEPI Engineering & Construction, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$439.28
				\$0.00		\$0.00	\$817.11
				\$0.00		\$0.00	\$5,020.95
Food and Nutrition Service	Child Nutrition Discretionary Grants Limited Availability	Johnston, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$46,548.72	\$0.00	
Government Accountability Office	No CFDA for Contract type awards	Triangle Housing Development Corporation	P	\$69,828.00		\$0.00	\$0.00

				\$97,799.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Idaho Operations Office	Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (EEARP)		P			\$0.00	\$86,183.81
Indian Affairs (Assistant Secretary)	No CFDA for Contract type awards	Caterpillar Inc.	P	\$123,258.00		\$0.00	\$123,258.00
National Park Service.	No CFDA for Contract type awards	Caterpillar Inc.	P	\$173,302.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education	Education Technology State Grants, Recovery Act	Johnston, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$97,969.00	\$0.00	
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Education State Grants, Recovery Act	Johnston Community College	S	\$0.00	\$907,654.65	\$0.00	
		Johnston County School District	S	\$0.00	\$149,057.00	\$0.00	
		Johnston, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$17,226,310.00	\$0.00	
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grants, Recovery Act	Johnston, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$2,589,981.00	\$0.00	
	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, Recovery Act	Johnston, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$3,962,783.00	\$0.00	
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services	Special Education - Preschool Grants, Recovery Act	Johnston, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$250,070.00	\$0.00	
	Special Education Grants to States, Recovery Act	Johnston County School District	S	\$0.00	\$38,605.00	\$0.00	
		Johnston, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$6,354,034.18	\$0.00	
Rural Housing Service	Community Facilities Loans and Grants		P	\$0.00		\$550,000.00	\$550,000.00
				\$0.00		\$6,500,000.00	\$6,500,000.00
		Four Oaks, Town Of	P	\$0.00		\$221,000.00	\$221,000.00
				\$119,000.00		\$0.00	\$119,000.00
		Johnston Lee Harnett Community Action Inc	P	\$0.00		\$1,558,695.00	\$1,558,695.00

		Pine Level, Town Of	P	\$100,000.00		\$0.00	\$100,000.00
				\$0.00		\$725,000.00	\$725,000.00
		Selma, Town Of	P	\$100,000.00		\$0.00	\$100,000.00
				\$0.00		\$375,000.00	\$375,000.00
				\$100,000.00		\$0.00	\$100,000.00
				\$0.00		\$110,000.00	\$110,000.00
				\$100,000.00		\$0.00	\$100,000.00
Rural Utilities Service	Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities - ARRA	Princeton, Town Of	P	\$458,800.00		\$0.00	\$458,800.00
				\$0.00		\$333,000.00	\$333,000.00
Small Business Administration	Loans	A L Baker Trucking Llc	L			\$10,000.00	
		Carolina Green Landscaping And	L			\$10,000.00	
		D-Tech Access & Security LLC	L			\$25,000.00	
		Howell Theatre	L			\$869,000.00	
		Integrity- Instrumentation Cont	L			\$10,000.00	
		Little Boat, LLC	L			\$1,273,000.00	
		Market Street Corral LLC	L			\$266,000.00	
		Marvelous Ink	L			\$35,000.00	
		Mcj 4250, Llc DbA Ace Hardware	L			\$570,000.00	
		Modern Mechancial HVAC LLC	L			\$67,500.00	
		Parrish Pulleyn + Young Wealth	L			\$250,000.00	
		Paws N Claws, A General Parner	L			\$125,000.00	
		PCI America Inc	L			\$350,000.00	
		Planet Beach Spa	L			\$469,000.00	
		Roving Coach International, In	L			\$12,500.00	
		Smith Poultry	L			\$50,000.00	
		Waterhouse Coaching Services,	L			\$9,000.00	
SSA	Social Security Economic Recovery Act Payments	Multiple Individuals	P		\$6,048,500.00		
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - civil program financing only	No CFDA for Contract type awards	Caterpillar Inc.	P	\$87,775.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Grand Total				\$26,251,270.88	\$112,605,003.47	\$115,327,680.71	\$53,358,917.88

ⁱ Recipient Role are as follows: P is a prime recipient; S is a Sub-recipient; PV is a vendor to a prime recipient; SV is a vendor to a sub-recipient; L is a loan recipient.

ⁱⁱ Prime Amounts are unique prime awards within a county. These are entities who have received funding directly from a federal agency, and are required to report directly to www.federalreporting.gov

ⁱⁱⁱ Unique Sub Awards are amounts that flow into a county from a source that is NOT directly from a Federal Agency. Generally these are funds awarded to the North Carolina State Government that have been directed to a local source.

^{iv} Additional Economic Activity are economic activity attributable to a previous funding category. They may be a sub award by a prime recipient within a county, or a contract funded by one of the previous three columns. This economic activity is not counted toward the county total.